

What is claimed is:

1. A child safety warning device comprising:  
a portable housing;  
a recording device located within the housing;  
a connector coupled to the housing and adapted to fit within a vehicle socket; and  
a switching device coupled to the recording device and the connector;  
wherein the switching device provides a signal to the recording device indicative of  
an ignition state of a vehicle; and  
wherein the recording device plays back a prerecorded message in response to the  
signal provided by the switching device.
2. A child safety warning device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a speaker  
coupled to the recording device.
3. A child safety warning device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the switching device  
comprises a relay.
4. A child safety warning device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the relay is a  
normally closed relay.